

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

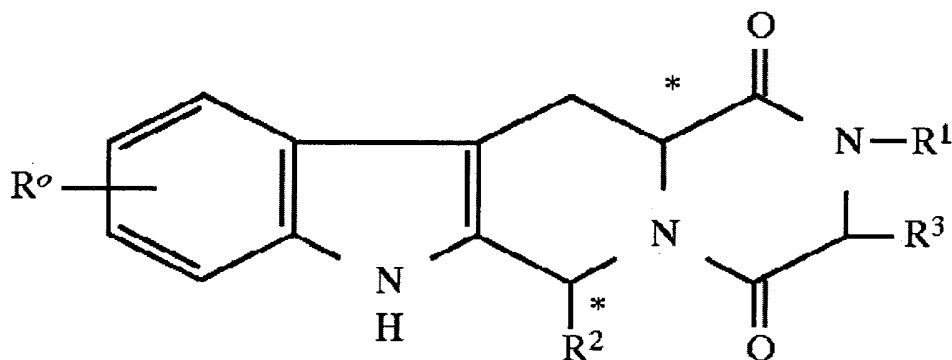
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James Napoli on 04-12-04, and 04-14-04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace the amended claim 19 with the following:

Claim 19. A method of treating a vascular disease comprising administering to a human or nonhuman body the following:

- a) an endothelium-derived relaxing factor, an atrial natriuretic factor, a brain natriuretic peptide, a C-type natriuretic peptide, or an endothelium-dependent relaxing agent, and
- b) a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having a formula of



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or salts or solvates thereof, in which:

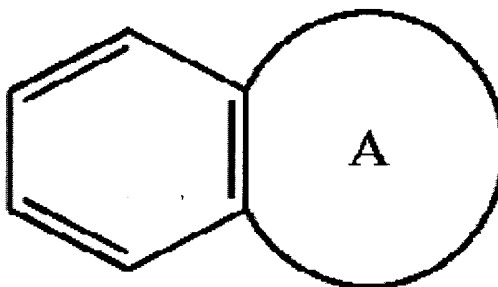
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R^0 represents hydrogen, halogen, or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^1 represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, halo C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl C_{1-3} alkyl, aryl C_{1-3} alkyl, wherein aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, methylenedioxy, and mixtures thereof, or heteroaryl C_{1-3} alkyl, wherein heteroaryl is thienyl, furyl or pyridyl, each optionally substituted with one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, and mixtures thereof;

R^2 represents an optionally substituted monocyclic aromatic ring, selected from benzene, thiophene, furan, and pyridine, or an optionally substituted bicyclic ring



attached to the rest of the molecule via one of the benzene ring carbon atoms and wherein the fused ring A is a 5- or 6-membered ring which may be saturated or partially or fully unsaturated and comprises carbon atoms and optionally one or two heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur, and nitrogen; and

R^3 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl, or R^1 or R^3 together represent a 3- or 4-membered alkyl or alkenyl chain component of a 5- or 6-membered ring.
